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Title: "METHODS FOR SLOWING THE  
DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE  
POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE  
POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND  
COMPOSITIONS THEREOF"

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002. In light of the Amendment and Remarks herein, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 10-11, 14-15, 17-18 and 21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 22 as follows:

1. (Three times Amended) A method for preparing an article from a biodegradable polymer composition wherein the method comprises: